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December 29, 2005

Via Messenger

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

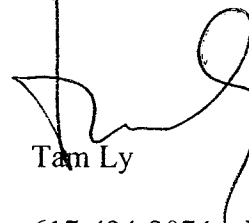
**Re: D.T.E. 05-85 Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric
Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, together
d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company, Return of Service**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed herewith for filing is the Return of Service of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company, together d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company, regarding the Order of Notice and Notice of Filing and Public Hearing in the above-referenced docket.

Please contact Robert Werlin, Esq. at 617-951-1400 for any questions relating to this submission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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617-424-2074 – Voice
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Enclosures

Cc: Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer
Robert Werlin, Esq.

Tam Ly
Notary Public



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The Companies are required to give notice of this proceeding no later than **Monday, December 12, 2005** to (1) the Chairmen of the Boards of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Mayors, and City Clerks of the attached list; (2) all participants in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23, D.T.E. 97-113, D.T.E. 02-80A, and D.T.E. 04-113; (3) all participants in Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111, D.T.E. 98-78/83, D.T.E. 99-90 and D.T.E. 04-114/03-118; (4) all participants in NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 05-GAF-P8; and (5) to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Companies. The Companies shall make return of service and proof of publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary L. Cottrell", written over a horizontal line.

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY



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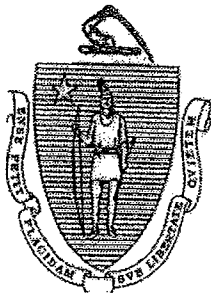
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NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 05-85

December 7, 2005

Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 164, § 94, and 220 C.M.R. §§ 5.00 et seq. for approval of a rate settlement effective January 1, 2006.

Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company (together, "NSTAR Electric") and NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Gas," collectively with NSTAR Electric, the "Companies") filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") seeking approval of a rate settlement agreement ("Settlement") entered into with the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Low-Income Energy Affordability Network and the Associated Industries of Massachusetts. The Department docketed this matter as D.T.E. 05-85.

According to the Companies, the Settlement would mitigate rate increases for electric and gas customers. The Settlement provides for (1) NSTAR Electric rate changes on January 1, 2006 and May 1, 2006, (2) a performance-based rate mechanism for NSTAR Electric beginning January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2012, (3) NSTAR Gas rate changes on January 1, 2006, (4) an expansion of NSTAR Electric's storm fund, (5) the implementation of new procurement programs for NSTAR Electric basic service customers, (6) the implementation of a fixed-price option for NSTAR Gas residential and small commercial default service customers, (7) the implementation of service quality, safety and reliability programs, (8) the implementation of a low-income arrearage management program, and (9) the preparation of an annual capital projects scheduling list.

The Companies state that if the Settlement is approved, effective January 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's transition rates would be approximately \$20 million lower than would have been collected in 2006. The \$20 million amount would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. Also, effective May 1, 2006, NSTAR Electric's distribution charges would increase by \$30 million, which would be offset by a \$30 million reduction in NSTAR Electric's transition rates. The \$30 million reduction in transition rates would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. In addition, beginning January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter through December 31, 2012, NSTAR Electric would implement a performance-based mechanism pursuant to which the annual increases in distribution charges would be offset by decreases in transition charges. The decreases in transition charges would be deferred and collected from customers at a later date, with interest. Also, effective January 1, 2006, NSTAR Gas would adjust its cost of gas adjustment clause to reduce its gas costs by approximately \$18.5 million. This amount would be deferred and collected from customers over a twelve-month period beginning no earlier than May 1, 2006, with interest.

A typical residential customer of NSTAR Electric who uses 500 kilowatt-hour per month would see a bill decrease of \$0.45 compared to what the customer would otherwise have paid in 2006.

Copies of the petition are available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Boston Public Library (Main Branch, Copley Square); the offices of the Companies, 1 NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts; and the offices of the Department, One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>. For further information regarding the Companies' petition, please contact the Companies' representative, Robert N. Werlin, Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110, 617-951-1400.

The Department has scheduled the following public hearings to take place on **Thursday, December 29, 2005**, to receive comment on the Companies' proposal:

Boston Edison Company
City of Boston, 7:00 p.m.
Boston City Hall - Piemonte Room
City Hall Plaza
Boston, Massachusetts

Cambridge Electric Light Company
City of Cambridge, 7:00 p.m.
Cambridge Senior Center
806 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commonwealth Electric Company
Town of Yarmouth, 7:00 p.m.
Yarmouth Town Hall - Main Hearing Room, Lower Level
1146 Route 28
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

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